Lee’s Attorney Seeks to Gain His Release

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It was reported Thursday morning that Bernard L. Chappell, attorney for Newt Lee, the negro watchman held in connection with the Mary Phagan case, would take steps to release him from jail by swearing out a writ of habeas corpus.

Attorney Chappell is said to have come to the conclusion that Lee knew nothing about the case other than finding the body and that the state has no right to hold him.